**Minutes**

**Dornie & District Community Council Meeting via Zoom 26th October 2020 7pm**

Present: Fay MacKenzie (Chair), Alison Jack (Secretary), Isabelle MacKenzie (Minutes Secretary), Janice Nixon, Alison Macrae, Cllr Biz Campbell, Rosemary Greville (member of public)

Apologies; Donald Macrae

Previous minutes dated 24/8//20 were approved

● IM gave the Treasurer’s report. The total in the account is £1237.86.

● FM reported that there was a change of office bearer of the Treasurer from Stella Baker to Isabelle Mackenzie. FM proposed we change banks from RBS to Bank of Scotland as there is a branch in Kyle. ALL AGREED. General discussion on possible issues of a CC changing banks. ACTION FM to contact Christine Matheson (Hall Committee) as they had recently changed banks.

● Bundaloch road flooding. BC reported that the money for rectifying this was in place. JN reported that she had spoken to Ian Moncrief and that he had contacted those that owned the land where flooding was occurring onto the road and ask that they re-instate ditches. RG said that parts of the road were giving way and had been going on for two years now. RG had reported this to Mac Sutherland but there had been no reply from Highland Council. RG had also sent photos, of where the road was giving way, to Skyeways and they will also complain to Highland Council. Mac Sutherland has inspected the road and had said the road underneath was not damaged.

ACTION - FM to get in touch with Mac Sutherland

● FM brought to discussion the North Road Junction/Achmore road conditions. BC said that this section of road has already been reported to the appropriate persons.

● Nonach Estate Harvesting – It has been agreed within the Sallachy/Killilan group that the tree felling operations and extractions are to operate out with school bus hours, with the addition of a temporary bridge in place at the corner of “Furan”. The landslide which occurred at the Ault na Subh corners last month was cleared efficiently, but it was noted by a member of the community that further attention is needed. ACTION – FM to contact Mac Sutherland.

● Disposal units for campervans and motorhomes. BC proposed we contact the Kyle Development Trust for assistance in the organisation and application for funding for sources. General discussion on possible local sites. FM to contact Mary Macbeth (Achmore CC)

● Local Area Profile for community newsletter. General discussion on contacting local residents who may be interested in compiling article for the Dornie & District area. ACTION FM

● Aird Ferry. AJ reported that there had been no reply from Kate Earnshaw from our email (dated 29/8/20) offering our assistance/organising volunteers. ALL AGREED Aird Ferry should be standing subject on CC agenda.

(Zoom timed out at 7.40pm and we lost connection. BC/IM did not rejoin the meeting.)

● Return to Campervan and motorhome disposal point discussion. JN reported that Elgol had plans for a disposal point. FM asked AJ if Glenelg CC had been sent our email (confirmed after the meeting that Kenny Maclean had been asked to forward it to Glenelg CC as we did not have a contact email address) AJ reported the replies from various parties 1. BC replied (31st Aug) said no money from Highland Council although we can though apply for crown estates funding. 2. BC had sent us information about tourist infrastructure funding but the deadline was 14/10/20. 3. Colin Simpson HC Principal Officer Europe,Tourism & Film replied 29/9/20: "happy to speak with you further about what opportunities there might be to assist " 4. Topher Dawson - Lochbroom CC 1/9/20 keen that the west coast CC's join together under banner of Wester Ross Biosphere to pull together for funding for infrastructure for campervans, they also want disposal points,one each in Ullapool and Dundonnell. 5. Douglas Gibson - North Highland Initiative replied 2/9/20 "North Highland Initiative have funded some of these recently - if you approach Fran Cree at Gairloch CC ([gairlochcc@gmail.com](mailto:gairlochcc@gmail.com)) she can give you the details and perhaps answer questions about installation. If you have a look at our website (www.northhighlandinitiative.co.uk) under "Community Support" you will see an explanation of this support, and downloadable application forms - although I also attach these here. The link to the particular types we have funded can be found at: <https://www.ctdp.co.uk/> This can be ordered right away, 20 day delivery, and purchase and installation costs will round out at about £1000 + signage etc. In Gairloch's case, there's no SEPA debate involved, because the location is at the harbour, which already has all the required permissions - this may not apply everywhere. Although some might regard this as a temporary solution, once installed, they tend to become permanent, and the Harris Trust (as in Isle of Harris) have been using 5 of these now for two years with no problems."

General discussion on the way forward. FM proposed we contact the Lochalsh Collaboration Group to ask if they can lead this (Is it feasible/within their remit) ACTION AJ to write to Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust (the Lochalsh Collaboration Group are a project within KLCT)

● AJ asked for re-imbursement for the previous Treasurers (Stella Baker) leaving gift + card £52. ACTION IM.

● Dornie.org.uk website and CC facebook page. AJ reported that, following a reply from Spanglefish - we pay calico for the domain name only (£24 annually);site is hosted free on spanglefish at present; A paid site on version 2 would cost £29.95 per year and remove the file size limit ; Version 3 is a complete rewrite of the system. charge £78.00 per year. However this includes an SSL certificate so site would have the secure padlock. The main improvements in V3 are proper mobile-friendliness, improved admin, search-engine optimisation, social media compatibility and accessibility. FM proposed upgrading to vs.3 and AM seconded. ACTION AJ to contact Spanglefish to arrange. AJ asked for assistance to remove older information from the website and JN volunteered. ACTION AJ/JN. AJ reported that we could not switch off comments on our Facebook page, JN offered to find out if we can approve posts. ACTION JN.

● Holiday homes planning question - AJ reported that Graham Sharp had replied on 23rd Sept to the CC email: "No, the site was never earmarked for affordable houses.There is currently no distinction in Planning between a regular dwelling house and holiday house, so if someone gets consent for a house they can operate it as a holiday house without the need for any further permission"

**AOCB**

* FM asked RG about changes to seasonal plans for local children due to Covid-19. RG reported that there would be no fireworks or guising; no Christmas party but that there were possible plans for Santa to distribute presents to children's gardens. Approximately 25-30 children in the Dornie & District area. RG to contact Karen Macrae (Dornie Children Christmas Party) to ask if she can liaise with FM if there is anything the CC can do/contribute. ACTION RC/FM
* AJ reported that the Screen Machine had emailed the CC today asking for support for their return in the next few months. ALL AGREED there was no objection. RG/FM suggested posting this on our Facebook page to give locals a chance to voice any concerns. ACTION AJ.

Zoom timed out again. Meeting ended at 2030hrs. Next meeting TBC.